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SUBJ: US-USSR SPACE AGREEMENT: COMMUNICATIONS

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED APRIL 29 ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED MESSAGE QUOTE FROM NASA HQ TO DR. V. B. KOMAROV COMMISSION ON EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES END QUOTE. MESSAGE CARRIES NOTATION QUOTE UNCLAS EK/0459 END QUOTE. MESSAGE IS SIGNED BY RUSSEL L. SCHWEICKART, DIRECTOR, USER AFFAIRS.

2. EMBASSY OFTEN RECEIVES MESSAGES IN THIS FORM, WHICH EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS SECTION HAS BEEN WILLING, IN PAST, TO RE-TRANSMIT TO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES VIA TELEX. HOWEVER, EMBASSY NOW HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ACADEMY THAT ITS TELEX NUMBER IS RESTRICTED TO MESSAGES DIRECTED TO ACADEMY PRESIDUM. NEW POLICY HAS BEEN UNDERLINED BY REFUSAL OF ACADEMY TELEX OPERATOR TO ACCEPT SCHWEICKART MESSAGE AS CITED ABOVE.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFORM NASA HQ THAT ONLY MESSAGES ADDRESSED TO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PRESIDUM CAN BE TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO ACADEMY VIA EMBASSY TELEX FACILITIES. ALL OTHER MESSAGES WILL HAVE TO BE PASSED VERBALLY AND BY LETTER BY EMBASSY SCIENCE SECTION.

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4. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ALL MESSAGES TO BE PASSED BY EMBASSY SCIENCE SECTION BE TRANSMITTED AS OFFICIAL DEPARTMENTAL TELEGRAMS, INCLUDING (A) FULL NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF SENDER AND ADDRESSEE, (B) CLEAR IDENTIFICATION OF AGGREETMENT AND RELEVANT WORKING GROUP OR PROJECT AREA, AND (C) ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING TRANSMITTAL OF MESSAGE OR ELECITING OF REPLAY AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

5. EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT THAT COMMUNICATIONS WILL PROCEED MORE QUICKLY AND WITH FEWER LAPSES IF PROCEDURE OUTLINED PARA 4 ABOVE IS FOLLOWED.

6. EMBASSY WILL PASS SCHWEICKART-KOMAROV TELEX MESSAGE CITED ABOVE TO PRISEVOK OF INTERKOSMOS. IN FUTURE, EMBASSY WILL EXPECT TO RECEIVE SIMILAR MESSAGES VIA DEPARTMENT CABLE, AND WILL MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THEIR SPEEDY DELIVERY.
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